

What did I learn?

- How to live in a different community
- The essentials to cooking
- My Spanish vocabulary grew



What motivated me to select this project?

- The opportunity to venture out of my comfort zone
- Get away from technology to form real relationships with new people
- Experience the natural world



Buck-I-Serv Costa Rica

My STEP project was a Buck-I-Serv trip to Costa Rica to help the community build a bridge. We worked for 3.5 days building this bridge to help connect both sides of the river. After we worked on the project for those days, we were able to do activities within our group (rock repelling, kayaking, and surfing) to work on teamwork and get to know ourselves and others better.

What was transformational about this project?

- Exposure to different cultures
- Break away from my comfort zone
- Chances to try new things
- Became a better version of myself
- Allowed me to reach personal and professional goals



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Favorite part of my experience

I really enjoyed being apart of a different community in a different country. I formed great relationships with the family I stayed with, which was the best thing about this trip. Not only did I form relationships with the family, but close relationships with the people on this trip. I had so much fun helping make a bridge for these awesome people. Aside from that, the surfing, water repelling, and kayaking were experiences I will never forget.



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